

"records when and where you need them"

Will I still need my old medical record?

Yes, until CHCS II is implemented worldwide, your paper record will be used to document your medical history and will still be useful to your provider here and at other facilities. Until everyone in DoD has CHCS II, a copy of your information will be printed out from each visit and placed in your paper medical record.

The process of converting all of DoD to the CHCS II system will take some time, but it has to start somewhere. Once it is done, the benefits for all military medical patients will be phenomenal.

What is going to happen?

CHCS II Implementation Schedule: This System is being activated among Darnall's clinics in sequence during the summer of 2005. Clinic personnel will receive extensive training immediately before clinics are activated.

During the clinics' training periods (June- October 2005) appointments will take longer as staff become familiar with the system and enter the necessary information into the database. When CHCS II is undergoing start-up in a particular clinic, patients who use that clinic should plan to be at their appointments for longer periods than normal. The extra time allows providers to immediately enter information into their patients' electronic medical record. Because appointments will take longer, fewer appointments will be available.

The decrease in appointments is temporary and specific to the clinic undergoing training and start-up, and appointment availability will soon return to normal. Your patience and understanding is appreciated during the training and transition period.

CHCS II "The Future Is Now"

More efficient patient Check-in

Electronic Documentation of:

Vital Signs
Provider Encounter
Immunizations
Patient Education
Procedures & Diagnostic Coding

24 Hour Access to Patient Data

Enhanced Population Health

Enhanced Readiness

Decreased Medical Errors

Decreased Cost of Medical Care



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Composite Health Care System II

A Paperless
Solution in
Military
Health Care



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What is CHCS II?

Composite Health Care System II is a part of the Army Transformation as it applies to health care and military medicine's objective force. It is basically a computerized medical record for immediate, comprehensive and correct background information about all patients. CHCS II was approved by the Department of Defense for implementation worldwide.

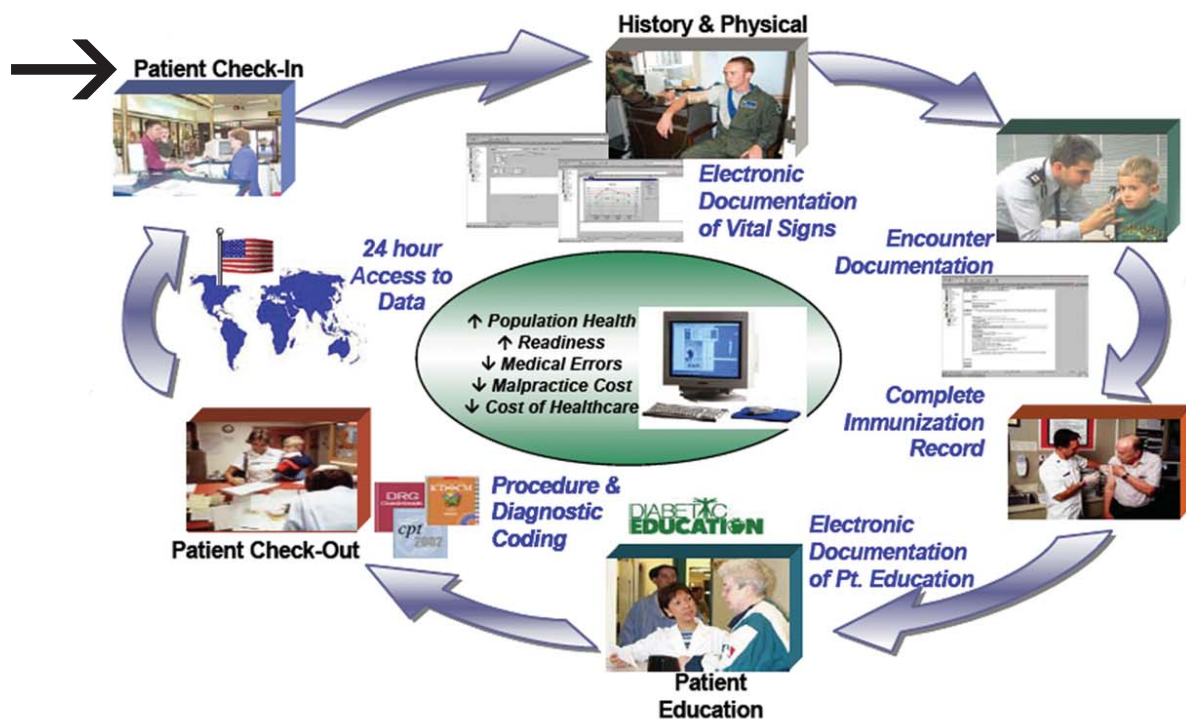
What are the benefits of switching to CHCS II?

Worldwide Access Once the system is fully integrated throughout the Department of Defense, medical records will be accessible worldwide and updates will be in real time. For our active duty patients in a deployment situation that means your records are at the fingertips of whoever is providing your care, wherever you may be, as long as they have access to a DoD computer. For our non-deployed active duty patients, retirees, and family members, it means the same thing, if you take a vacation, your medical records are available at any military treatment facility worldwide.

Research & Bio-terrorism tracking tool

Medical researchers will be able to pull information from the medical records with a simple data query to compile statistics about medical incidents. For example, if a researcher at Walter Reed Army Medical Center is trying to find out the number of influenza cases seen throughout the Army for the past month he or she can pull the information out of the CHCS II based on the diagnostic code or symptoms. Also, if there is a trend that appears to be a bio-terrorism event, the trend will be visible from CHCS II for quick recognition and reaction. That ability alone could save countless lives.

CHCS II Enhances the Entire Patient Experience



No more lost records!!

The data in CHCS II is stored in multiple locations so the chances of your medical records ever being lost again once it spreads throughout DoD is almost non-existent. Moreover, your medical records will automatically travel with you wherever you go throughout the military medical treatment facilities without having to hand carry them. Additionally, if you are referred to another facility for specialty care, your primary care manager will be able to see the specialist's findings as soon as they type them in and upload them.

No more errors from difficult-to-read handwriting

Although laboratory testing and prescriptions have been electronic for some time in the military, hard to read handwriting could still cause problems. With everything typed in, it will be easier to read and should even improve the speed in which you are taken care of because no time will be spent trying to decipher someone else's handwriting. For example, if a nurse or medic takes your initial vital signs but your provider can't read their writing, they may have to do it again or risk reading it wrong. If it is entered, the handwriting issue doesn't exist anymore.